

## AN EXTRA SESSION

President is Considering the Need of Quick Action

### ONTARIFF AND RAILROADS

President Just as Determined as Ever to Bring About a Readjustment of the Tariff Rates.

New York, Jan. 4.—A Washington dispatch to the Tribune says:

President Roosevelt is seriously considering the advisability of calling Congress together in extraordinary session some time next summer, possibly about June 1. He would prefer to have the tariff revised this spring, but realizes that there is not sufficient time in a short session of Congress for the exhaustive argument and deliberation that the readjustment of the tariff schedules would entail.

After he had abandoned the hope of getting the desired legislation through before March 4, the President inclined to the belief that the subject could best be settled by an extra session, to be convened immediately after the adjournment of the regular session, to continue into the summer. This idea was greeted with a chorus of protests from members of Congress. If they were to be called in extraordinary session, they pleaded, why not call them together next fall? In the mean time they would have plenty of opportunity to think things over, and by October or November they would be in a state of fine preparedness for the consideration of revenue and protection.

The President is now of the opinion that perhaps a middle time course might be steered with profit to the country. If the lawmakers are called here in June, just when the heated term begins, it has been suggested that they might hurry their work.

While the President is just as much determined as ever to bring about a revision of tariff rates to meet present day conditions he is much more interested just now in the question of legislation on interstate commerce. If a new law enlarging the powers of the interstate commerce commission or providing for some equitable adjustment of railroad rates is not placed on the statute books at the present session of Congress it must be passed at the one which will convene before next December.

The administration is determined that the policy shall be carried out, and no question brought up by interested parties to befog the issue will be allowed to interfere with that programme.

#### AID TO SHIPPING.

Bill Reported to Congress by the Joint Commission.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Subventions of \$5 per gross ton annually; subsidies for the carrying of mails from Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico ports to South and Central America and Cuba, and from Pacific coast ports to Japan, China, the Philippines, Mexico, Central America and the isthmus of Panama; a tonnage tax on foreign vessels entering United States ports; the creation of a naval volunteer service and the encouragement of apprentices on ships in foreign trade are provided for in a bill agreed upon by the joint merchant and marine commission, which submitted its report to Congress today.

The commission, composed of five senators and five representatives, was created during the last session of Congress in response to a recommendation by President Roosevelt in his annual message, Dec. 7, 1903. An exhaustive investigation was made by the commission of the conditions of the American merchant marine and the American commerce, with a view to ascertaining the most feasible means for their development. Hearings were conducted during the year at nearly all the important shipping and commercial centres in the United States.

#### SETH LOW HIS CHOICE.

President Said to Favor Him for Ambassador to France.

New York, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt has selected Seth Low as his choice for ambassador to France, to succeed Gen. Horace Porter, who desires to return home after the 4th of March, according to a Washington dispatch to the Times. The New York Senators have not been consulted in regard to the appointment, but they will be consulted in due time, and it is not regarded as likely that they will object to the President's selection.

It is well known among the friends of the ex-mayor that he has not desired any appointment. He was advanced as a candidate for postmaster of New York, because it was believed the important task involved in the reforms needed in New York's postal service would be performed by him to the advantage of the city and its business interests. But the place was not held to be one of the degrees of honor suited to Mr. Low, and he was reserved for one of the highest diplomatic posts in the gifts of the President.

#### YELLOW FEVER AT PANAMA.

Woman Dead; Two Cases Now at Galveston.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The state department received a cablegram from Panama that Mrs. John Seager, wife of the private secretary to the chief engineer, Wallace of the Panama canal, died Monday of yellow fever. Mr. and Mrs. Seager were married in this city a few months ago.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 4.—Two mild cases of yellow fever have developed on the British steamer Horatio, which arrived here Friday from Para. The disease was contracted from mosquitoes

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aboard the ship, which was at sea sixteen days. The patients are in screened apartments at the hospital and no business is manifested.

#### MEANS BIG FIGHT.

Bill to Abolish Panama Canal Commission Prepared.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—A bill to abolish the isthmian canal commission and place the work of constructing the Panama canal in the hands of the President and "such persons as he may employ," has been prepared by Representative Mann of Illinois, a member of the interstate commerce committee of the House. It represents the views of Chairman Hepburn and other members of the committee, who visited Panama in November.

#### BEEF CASE IN SUPREME COURT.

Brief Tries To Show Packers in Conspiracy.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The brief of the government in the case of Swift & Co. vs. the United States, known as the Beef Trust case, prepared by Attorney General Moody, was presented to the Supreme Court of the United States today. The brief is devoted principally to an argument to show that the packers are engaged in a conspiracy to monopolize interstate commerce in fresh meats.

#### INQUIRY AS TO ELECTIONS.

Bill Based on Charges of Parker and Lawson.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Stone of Missouri today introduced a resolution reciting some of the assertions of Thomas W. Lawson and Judge Alton B. Parker concerning campaign contributions, and asking the judiciary committee to inquire into the allegations.

## DISCOVERY SAVED MAN FROM BEING BURNED

Nathan F. Chidester of Jefferson Taken From Coffin and Restored to Consciousness.

Jefferson, Tex., Jan. 4.—Nathan F. Chidester, a Jefferson business man, was attacked with a serious illness, and after two days' illness died, according to the attending physician. An undertaker prepared the body for burial and it was sent over by the family and funeral services were held at the Chidester home.

At the close of the services those present were invited to take a last look at the dead. A relative of Chidester's noticed, when she looked at the face, that the lips were moist. With a cry, she declared that the man was alive. A hurried investigation was made and it was discovered that he was breathing. Physicians were quickly summoned and Chidester was removed from the coffin. In a short time he had regained consciousness and was sitting up in bed.

#### OFFERS BECK \$25,000.

British Government Makes Partial Amends to Wronged Man.

London, Jan. 4.—The government has offered Adolf Beck \$25,000 in compensation for a wrongful imprisonment. He was arrested in 1896 for obtaining money under false pretences, and he was convicted on the evidence of women who identified him as John Smith. After he had served five years John Smith confessed that he was the man convicted in 1877 and for whom Beck had been mistaken. A committee of inquiry concluded that Beck had been the victim of a miscarriage of justice and that the blame rested with the judge, Sir Forrest Fulton.

## A DOSE AT NIGHT Gives Instant Relief

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## UNSEATS A MEMBER

First Act of Massachusetts House.

### CTRLEY'S SEAT VACANT.

Was Serving Sentence in Jail When Elected and When Legislature Convened — Legislative Organization.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Representative James S. Curley of the 17th Suffolk district was unseated yesterday by the Massachusetts House, to which he was elected in November last while he was serving a sentence in Charles Street Jail, after conviction in the Federal Courts for violation of the civil service laws. He is still in jail, but will be released at midnight tonight. The vote to unseat him was by roll call, 175 yes, 48 no. Several of his Democratic colleagues from Boston fought for the imprisoned legislator, but members of the same political faith from other parts of the state voted with Republicans on the motion to unseat him. Representative Grady, of Boston, offered a resolution calling for a special election to fill Curley's seat. It went over until today.

After the organization of the House had been perfected, Representative March G. Bennett of Boston, of the eleventh Suffolk district, offered the following preamble and resolve:

Whereas, it appears that at an election held on the 8th day of November, 1904, one Thomas F. Curley was duly elected a representative in the General Court from the Seventeenth Suffolk District; and

Whereas, it further appears that the said Thomas F. Curley was, on the 24th day of September, 1903, found guilty of conspiracy, in the United States District Court, for this district—as attested by the certificate of Frank H. Mason, clerk of said court, hereto appended—and was, at the time of the said election, and is now, on the day fixed by the constitution for the said General Court to assemble, serving a term of imprisonment for said crime;

Resolved, That the seat in this House of Representatives to which the said Thomas F. Curley was elected be, and the same hereby is, declared vacant.

Mr. Quinn of Boston opposed the order and moved that the matter be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the speaker, but his motion was rejected.

The House organized by Electing Representative Louis A. Frothingham speaker and the Senate by electing William F. Dana its president.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE LAWMAKERS.

George H. Adams, President of Senate—Colonel Elwell, Speaker of House.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 4.—The biennial session of the New Hampshire legislature opened today. The Senate organized by electing George H. Adams of Plymouth president, L. A. Thorp of Manchester clerk and W. H. Weston of Lisbon sergeant-at-arms. The House elected Colonel Rufus N. Elwell of Exeter Speaker, James M. Cooper of Concord clerk and John K. Law of New London sergeant-at-arms.

#### LITTLE EVIDENCE YESTERDAY.

Tucker Trial Had an Early Adjournment.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 5.—Little headway was made in the Tucker murder trial at East Cambridge yesterday, owing to various reasons. When court adjourned Tuesday afternoon it was for the purpose of reassembling at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, but the severe storm affected the plans. As a result it was 11:10 o'clock when the trial was finally got under way. Judge Sherman being the one who kept the principals in the case waiting the longest. The funeral of Chief Justice Mason of the superior court, which took place in the afternoon, caused Judges Sherman and Sheldon to adjourn the trial shortly before 10 o'clock, both as a mark of respect to the late associate and also so as to enable them to attend the funeral services.

Only one witness was examined and his testimony related entirely to the plans and maps which he had drawn of the country in the vicinity of where the crime was committed and of the interior arrangement of the Page house. Shortly after noon the cross-examination of this witness, Francis H. Kendall, was finished and District Attorney Sanderson called as his next witness Edward Page. That name appeared to electrify those in the court room.

#### GASOLENE ON THE U. P.

Motors Supplant Locomotives on The Branch Lines.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—The Union Pacific railroad has adopted a type of gasolene motors to use on its branch lines in Nebraska and Kansas. This month will see a number of them installed, and soon all the smaller branches of the company will be equipped with type of motive power, to the exclusion of the locomotive.

In general appearance the new car is about the size of an ordinary railroad coach, one end being fitted up for passengers and the other end as a baggage and freight car. The motor is between the two. It is expected that the car will develop 60 miles an hour. Only a motorman and conductor are necessary to run this car, and the company will save the expense of train crews.

#### To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

#### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Cases Reported to the Board of Health During the Year 1904.

Brattleboro, Jan. 5.—During the year 1904, just ended, there were reported to the state board of health the following number of cases of contagious diseases in the various counties of the state:

Addison county—Small pox 21; measles, 26; whooping cough, 4; scarlet fever, 9; diphtheria, 12; typhoid fever, 44.

Bennington county—Whooping cough, 7; scarlet fever, 3; diphtheria, 3; typhoid fever, 7.

Caledonia county—Measles, 27; whooping cough, 5; diphtheria, 13; typhoid fever, 16.

Chittenden county—Measles, 13; whooping cough, 17; scarlet fever, 12; diphtheria, 78; typhoid fever, 19.

Essex county—Measles, 4; whooping cough, 1; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 22; typhoid fever, 13.

Franklin county—Smallpox, 1; measles, 74; whooping cough, 17; scarlet fever, 28; typhoid fever, 78.

Grand Isle county—Smallpox, 8; whooping cough, 4; scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 28; typhoid fever, 6.

Lamoille county—Measles, 300; whooping cough, 1; scarlet fever, 3; diphtheria, 1; typhoid fever, 1.

Orange county—Measles, 9; whooping cough, 1; scarlet fever, 11; diphtheria, 8.

Orleans county—Measles, 33; whooping cough, 2; scarlet fever, 15; diphtheria, 13; typhoid fever, 1.

Rutland county—Smallpox, 5; measles, 12; whooping cough, 84; scarlet fever, 32; diphtheria, 34; typhoid fever, 31.

Washington county—Smallpox, 1; measles, 6; whooping cough, 83; scarlet fever, 43; diphtheria, 20; typhoid fever, 13.

Windham county—Measles, 21; whooping cough, 12; scarlet fever, 10; diphtheria, 53; typhoid fever, 19.

Windsor county—Measles, 66; whooping cough, 13; scarlet fever, 3; diphtheria, 17; typhoid fever, 32.

#### ENTHUSIASTIC AT PROSPECTS.

Orange County Telephone Co. Constantly Growing—Old Officers Re-elected.

Chelsea, Jan. 4.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Orange County Telephone Company was held in the town hall on Tuesday. The board of directors was filled to its full complement of nine men. All the old board was re-elected except John Daley of East Corinth. Three new directors were elected, one to fill the vacancy thus caused and two additional members. The officers of the company elected were as follows: President, C. L. Spaul, West Corinth; vice president, George Crane, Randolph; secretary and treasurer, R. H. Williams, West Corinth.

The report of the officers showed that there are 600 telephone instruments in operation at the present time. The shares of the company now in force number 1,100. The stockholders voted to levy a fee of \$3.00 per instrument, instead of \$2.00, the fee charged last year. This sum is raised for the running expenses of the company. The first extension of the line of the company will be to Williamtown. This work will be done early in the spring. Further enlargements that are contemplated by the company includes running lines up Worcester Branch in Montpelier, to Worcester, and also an extension to Middlesex. All the directors and shareholders of which over 300 attended the meeting, were enthusiastic over the condition and prospects of the company.

#### A BOOM FOR MORGAN HORSES.

High Prices Paid for Vermont Stock—Col. Joseph Battell's Work.

Middlebury, Jan. 5.—It is doubtful if any of Vermont's industries can show a healthier growth during the past twelve months than that of its Morgan horse breeding industry. The demand for Morgan horses from nearly every section of the country has been brought about largely by the untiring efforts of Joseph Battell, of this place, who has given a score of years to the study and breeding of this strain of horseflesh. The result of Mr. Battell's efforts in these lines is strikingly shown in the fancy figures that his Broad Leaf stock commands. Yearling colts are being sold at \$500 and upwards, while a gentleman's driving pair from this establishment will cost from \$1,200 upwards.

During the past three or four months the aggregate sales at Broad Leaf have totaled about \$8,000, while the orders on hand for spring delivery of animals to the Pacific coast and a list of prospective customers indicate a general rejuvenation of the Morgan breeding industry during the coming season. Several young breeding animals will be shipped to the state of Washington the coming spring. It is from this breeding establishment that Thomas W. Lawson got several of his best Morgans. During the past summer the war department purchased at Broad Leaf three of the best Morgan stallions to be found in this country for shipment to the Philippines.

#### SOUTHERN VERMONT SUFFERS.

Storm Worst One in That Section Since 1888 — Business Interrupted.

Manchester, Jan. 4.—The severest northeast storm since the blizzard of 1888 blocked highways and delayed railroad traffic in the southern section of Vermont. Snow fell from four o'clock Monday afternoon until this morning. The temperature gradually fell from 40 to 10 below and the velocity of the wind ranged from twenty-five to sixty miles an hour. The northeasterly gale made drifts five feet deep along the main roads. Trains on the Boston & Maine and Hudson River railroad lines are four hours late. The mountain highways are impassable and the telephone wires to northern towns are down. North of Rutland the storm was not severe.

#### GANS TO BOX GARDNER.

Men Have Been Matched to Meet at 133 Pounds.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—Joe Gans and Jimmy Gardner have been matched to fight at 133 pounds at some date this month. This match takes the place of the Johnson-Hart match, which has been called off.

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